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U. S. WARSHIPS TO CONVEY ENVOYS

TO PLACE OF MEETING

Cruisers Chattanooga and Tacoma Will Be Utilized.

Russian and Japanese Peace Plenipotentiaries Will Be Taken Care of. Cruisers and Dispatch Boats Will Be Pressed Into Service.

Washington, July 27.—Arrangements were completed today for conveying the peace envoys of Russia and Japan from New York to Oyster Bay, where they will be received by the president, and thence to Portsmouth.

According to the official announcement made, the Russian plenipotentiaries and suite, will embark on the cruiser Chattanooga at New York, August 5. The Japanese plenipotentiaries embarking at the same point on the cruiser Tacoma. They will arrive in Oyster Bay within half an hour of one another.

After a luncheon to be given by President Roosevelt on the Mayflower and the president has departed, the Japanese plenipotentiaries and suite will embark on the dispatch boat Dolphin. The Russian plenipotentiaries and suite remaining on the Mayflower, where they will proceed to Portsmouth, conveyed by the cruiser Galveston.

A slow run north will be made so Portsmouth will be reached on the morning of the seventh.

EVIDENCE SCARED BONDSMEN.

Lowrie, on Trial for one Thing, Said to Have Been in Other Frauds.

Jamestown, N. Y., July 27.—At the trial this afternoon in the United States district court of Albert J. Lowrie, charged with a violation of the bankruptcy laws, Charles M. Leonard, one of Lowrie's bondsmen, who had been listening to the testimony, surrendered the bond. It was testified that Lowrie was the principal of six conspirators who purchased goods on credit for a store in Buffalo and shipped them to isolated points in Pennsylvania.

AUTOMOBILISTS GET SOAKED.

Tourists for Glidden Trophy Reach Concord and Mr. Glidden Makes Speech.

Concord, N. H., July 27.—The automobilists who are making the tour for the Glidden trophy, were given a cordial reception in this city tonight. The first car to arrive came in shortly after noon, and the last reached the city about 6:30. During the run many of the par-

QUARANTINE AT NEW ORLEANS IS VERY RIGID

New Orleans, July 27.—All forces engaged in the battle against yellow fever are joined as one in expressing the belief that while the situation is serious deaths, nearly all being Italians. With application of the methods applied to justify the hope for the first time in the history of the country that what threatened to be a malignant epidemic of yellow fever may be stamped out before the frost comes and New Orleans will be spared the horrors of previous epidemics.

During the past twenty four hours there were thirteen new cases and six deaths, nearly all being Italians. With

ties were caught in heavy showers, and all were more or less drenched.

For the entertainment of the visitors a band concert was arranged in front of the hotel. Charles J. Glidden, the donor of the trophy, in response to repeated calls, appeared on the balcony of the hotel and made a brief speech. Other speeches were made by the officers of the American Automobile Association. Tomorrow the party will get away at an early hour for Worcester, Mass.

TWO SUITS FILED.

Proceedings Commenced in Circuit Court Against Nehalem Coal Company.

Two suits were filed Wednesday night in the circuit court against the Nehalem Coal company. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robitich being the plaintiffs. They allege that they were induced through fraudulent representations to transfer to the Nehalem Coal Company two tracts of land, one worth \$4500 and the other \$10,000, their compensation being stock in the concern.

The promoters with whom they did business it is alleged misrepresented things to such an extent they let go of their land for 105 shares of stock which has since become nil. The complaints set out specific instances of fraud, in fact they include many startling allegations. The suits are made in equity to have the transfer of the land annulled and the land returned to the owners. The plaintiffs are foreigners and ignorant as to American business methods.

BANK EMBEZZLER HELD IN CUBA.

Havana, Cuba, July 27.—Alfred Buck, alias W. J. McGregor, who is wanted in Minnesota on a charge of embezzling \$17,000 from the Mapleton State Bank, has been brought here from the Isle of Pines. United States Minister Squires has requested his extradition.

TWENTY-THREE ARE KILLED

British Electric Express Train in Awful Collision.

Train on Lanshire and Yorkshire Railroad Bound From Liverpool Collides With an Empty Stationary Train. Twenty Three are Killed.

Liverpool, July 27.—An electric express train on the Lanshire and Yorkshire railroad bound from Liverpool to Southampton this evening collided with an empty stationary train at Hall Road Station, causing the death of twenty-three persons and the injury of many. The first car of the express, which was crowded, was smashed to pieces and only six of its occupants escaped. The road was recently given the electric equipment.

FREIGHT STEAMER ASHORE.

Guernsey, Channel Island, July 27.—A large French freight steamer went ashore today on the West coast of this island. It is believed the vessel, the name of which is not known, will be a total wreck. There was no loss of life. At first it was reported that the steamer was a trans-Atlantic liner.

RECEIVER FOR EQUITABLE LIFE

POLICY HOLDERS SUE

Claim Company is Without Funds to Meet Losses.

Suit Commenced in United States Circuit Court to Throw Equitable Assets Into Hands of Receivers. Forty Policy Holders as Complainants.

New York, July 27.—In the form of an amended complaint to the bill filed last April, suit was begun today in the United States circuit court of the Southern district to throw the entire \$421,000,000 assets of the Equitable Life Assurance Society into the hands of a receiver, who shall "take possession of all funds, assets and property held by the defendant society of every character and description, and administer the same as they may be directed by the court."

More than forty policy holders in the Equitable, representing a dozen different states are included as the complainants in the present suit, which is based, in part, upon the allegation that the society has no funds with which to meet its enormous losses and is insolvent.

ARGUMENTS HEARD ON VALIDITY OF MORTGAGE TAX

Law Declared to Violate Both the State And the Federal Constitution.

New York, July 27.—Justice Giegerich yesterday heard arguments in the suit brought by Michael W. Eisman against Registrar Bonner to test the constitutionality of the mortgage tax law passed at the last session of the legislature, which imposes a tax of one half of 1 per cent upon the value of every mortgage filed after July 1. Counsel for Eisman said that his client had refused to pay the tax when he went to record the mortgage and consequently Registrar Bonner declined to record the instrument.

Counsel claimed that the law was unconstitutional under the constitution of the state for the reason that it was only passed by a three-fifths' vote of the legislature, whereas all measures involving local taxation require a two-fifths' majority. He further declared that the new law was unconstitutional under the federal constitution as it appropriated property without due process of law.

Attorney General Mayer opposed the motion and said that the proper way would be for the justice to deny the motion and then let the plaintiff appeal to the court of appeals. Decision was reversed.

CANAL LABORERS.

Thousands of Italians, Japs and Chinese To Be Used.

Washington, July 27.—Bids for 2,000 Italians and the same number of Japanese, and Chinese laborers for the canal will be opened at the Panama Canal Commission offices here at 10 A. M., August 15, for delivery on the Isthmus next December. This batch of laborers will constitute the first for which bids will be received by the commission, the 12,000 West Indian and other workmen now on the isthmus having been employed individually.

H. L. Pepperman, in charge of the commission's offices here, says that in order to avoid a violation of the 13th amendment prohibiting involuntary servitude, careful consideration of the proposition has been given by the government law officers, the possibility of contract-

ors practically enslaving their men in order to increase their profits have been foreseen. The laborers will make a contract for hire with the government as soon as they reach the isthmus, and the wages will be paid direct to them. The contractors will make their bids on the price per head at which they will deliver the men at Panama or Colon, steamship passage and all preliminary charges included.

On these charges the contractors will make their profits and once the laborers are turned over to the government, the contractors, except to stand ready under bonds to return the men to their home country in case they are discharged resign or become incapacitated, will cease to have any control over them.

OFFICIALS SURPRISED.

Do Not Expect Effect of Boycott Will Be Serious.

New York, July 27.—Local officials of the International Banking Corporation expressed surprise at the news from Shanghai. In response to a cable sent to Shanghai yesterday the London branch of the corporation, a cable was received here today to the effect that the system of boycott has not interfered with business. J. S. Fearon, chairman of the International Banking Corporation, is the senior member of the importing house of Fearon, Daniel & Co., of this city, whose main branch is at Shanghai. Fearon, Daniel & Co. today received a Shanghai cable touching upon boycott troubles there, and stated that the result is not expected to be serious.

WANT KING TO ABDICATE.

King George Ruler of Friendly Islands is Not Wanted.

San Francisco, July 27.—The schooner William Olsen arrived here from the Friendly Islands brings the news that a movement is on foot among the English residents to force King George, the ruler of the islands to abdicate. The islands being under the protection of Great Britain, King George, has gone to New Zealand to plead before King Edward's representative that the government of the island be undisturbed and that he be secured on his throne.

GOODRICH VISITS SUFFERERS.

Speaks Words of Praise and Encouragement to Bennington's Men.

San Diego, July 27.—Admiral Goodrich put in a busy day after his flagship brought him to San Diego this morning.

Shortly after his arrival he went on board the Bennington and spent two hours making an inspection of the gunboat. Later he visited the hospitals where the Bennington's injured sailors are. The admiral went from cot to cot and conversed with the sufferers, speaking words of praise for the fortitude displayed by them and encouraged them in their struggle for life.

Held for Manslaughter.

Bridgeport, July 27.—Coroner Doten this afternoon finished the inquest on the death of Lillian Brabner, fourteen years old, at Seaside Park. He decided to hold Joseph Barrett for manslaughter.

The evidence shows that Barrett dragged the girl into the water by force and submerged her. The city is aroused over the fatality, and a police officer has been stationed at the baths to prevent a like occurrence.

Believe Russians Will Fight.

Tokio, July 27.—Local military critics in discussing the situation in North Korea, predict that the Russians will vigorously defend Kiong Cheung, to the south of the Tumen river. This town is regarded as most important from a strategic standpoint, as it controls Possiet bay. Kyong Cheung is also regarded as the outer line of the defenses of Vladivostok.

Linevitch Receives Barry.

Harbin, July 27.—Lieutenant General Linevitch today received Brigadier General Thomas H. Barry, U. S. A., and other American attaches. The rank and file of the army welcome American mediation as evidence of good will and sympathy with Russia. Some of the higher ranks, however, are not so appreciative of the American action.

PEACE TERMS CAUSE NO WORRY

RUSSIANS SARCASTIC

St. Petersburg Press Shows But Little Interest.

One Paper Comments Sarcastically While Another Severely Criticizes the Visit of Taft and Miss Roosevelt to Japan. Say Moment Poorly Chosen.

St. Petersburg, July 27.—M. Sato's interview in New York relative to Japan's peace terms was passed by without comment by the newspapers except the Novoe Vremia, which takes a sarcastic fling at Japan's economy in keeping down expenses to a million dollars a day, and suggests that she had better present her bill to those who furnished the sinews of war rather than to a nation which was forced into fighting. The Viedmosti takes occasion to direct a sharp criticism on the visit of Secretary Taft and Miss Roosevelt to Japan and complains that the moment for the trip was poorly chosen.

The paper adds that effort to prove the visit devoid of political meaning is "child like."

The war party is again making headway, drawing capital from Linevitch's optimistic telegrams one of which with misfortunes of war have not shaken the belief in the courage and devotion of the army and containing a glowing wish that the troops will bring the war to a happy conclusion, is published in all of the papers.

BISHOP JOYCE DEAD.

Minneapolis, July 27.—Methodist Episcopal Bishop Isaac W. Joyce died at 1:20 o'clock this morning as the result of cerebral hemorrhage and a consequent attack of paralysis which he sustained while delivering his sermon at the Red Rock camp meeting, July 23. Bishop Joyce was 67 years of age.

TEN OFFICERS ARE CHASING MR. STARR

Nephew of Williamson, Wanted as Witnesses, Not to Be Caught in Time.

Portland, July 27.—Ten officers are pursuing Ernest Starr, supposed to be in hiding in the Cascades to avoid giving

testimony against his uncle, Congressman J. N. Williamson, now on trial with Dr. Van Geesner and M. R. Biggs in the United States court for alleged subornation of perjury. He has not yet been apprehended and it is believed with quite a start of the officers he may remain in hiding until after the trial is completed and his services no longer needed. As he was not served with a subpoena to appear as a witness before he left Portland, it is not believed he can be punished for fleeing.

Deputy United States Marshal W. B. Griffith is in pursuit of the witness from the West, having left Eugene to follow the runaway's trail into the mountains, and S. Z. Henderson, another deputy in the office of Marshal C. J. Reed, has taken the trail from Prineville. Other officers galore are beating the bush along the deep gulches of the mountains where the nephew of Williamson is supposed to have concealed himself.

Starr Knows the Land.

Starr is a camp-tender for the firm of Williamson & Gesner and has operated in the Cascade foothills for several summers and knows every trail and canyon in that country. His duty is to carry food to the herders and salt for the sheep, while they are on the mountain ranges in the summer, on pack horses over the mountains, and in doing this he has learned the country thoroughly.

CONVERSION HIS ENDEAVOR

Frederick Smith Would Have Mormons Abolish Polygamy.

Starts Propaganda to Convert Mormons of Utah to Principles of Church as Taught by Prophet Smith. Urges Abandonment of Polygamy.

Salt Lake, July 27.—Frederick Smith, grandson of Prophet Joseph Smith and son of Joseph Smith, the present head of the re-organized church of the Latter day Saints, has started a propaganda to convert the Mormons of Utah to the former principles of the church as enunciated by the Prophet Smith. He has issued an open letter to the Mormons appealing to them to abandon polygamy, commercialism and political interference. Authorities are quoted to prove that Brigham Young led the people away from the teachings of Prophet Smith.

HOCH HANGS TODAY.

Chicago Bluebeard Will Be Executed. He Professes Innocence.

Chicago, July 27.—Late tonight "Bluebeard" Hoch, who is to be hanged tomorrow, consented to give an interview and throughout the conversation professed his innocence.

"As to confessing anything, I have nothing to confess except bigamy, and that I have already confessed. My identity I will not reveal. I have kept my secret like a man and it will go with me to the grave."

PROSECUTION SCORES POINT IN WILLIAMSON CASE

Portland, July 27.—Testimony this morning in the trial of Williamson, Gesner and Biggs for alleged subornation of perjury, established beyond question that Williamson was in Prineville from June 14 to 24, 1902. This point was disputed by the defense at the former trial, but this morning Judge Bennett and Williamson had investigated his whereabouts in June, 1902, had found that he was in Prineville then, and was quite willing to admit it. However, the prosecution put on witnesses to show that the defendant was there on the above dates. Examination of witnesses by the prosecution this morning was a gathering up of the details of the case preparatory to submitting it. The government expects to finish with its witnesses late this afternoon. On the whole, the case of the prosecution shows stronger than

at the former trial and every effort will be made to avert the possibility of a hung jury by the presentation of every bit of evidence in the hands of the government.

The prosecution, if Ernest Starr is not available as a witness, owing to his having fled to avoid testifying, may play a strong card by putting on the stand his brother, Chester Starr, also a nephew of Williamson, who also took a timber filing in the Horse Heaven country, or the district near the Williamson & Gesner ranch, where the alleged fraudulent filings were said to have been made in the interest of the defendants. Mr. Heney promised in his opening statement to prove fraud by the testimony of a nephew of Williamson, and if necessary, he can put on Chester Starr. The man was brought here for the last trial, but did not testify and is still in the city.